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Joy Bonifacio, left, a first-year dental student, explains the layout of the library to prospective pharmacy students.

Reaching out for diversity

About 50 college students and advisors spent last Friday and Saturday visiting UCSF during a program designed to share information about the University's graduate and professional degree programs. Coordinated by the schools of dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and the Graduate Division, under the auspices of the UCSF Policy Board on Student Outreach, Recruitment, Retention and Academic Enrichment, the event targeted academically talented juniors from diverse backgrounds who intend to apply to a health professional or graduate school. The "Inside UCSF" program included a welcome from Chancellor Bishop, tours of the campus, meetings with current UCSF students, and workshops on admissions and financial aid.

Chancellor works to change ethos

BY LISA CISNEROS

In an interview a week before UCSF celebrates Founders Day with a number of events to honor individuals that culminate with his inauguration today, Chancellor Mike Bishop says he's discovered the importance of recognizing work well done.

"One of the disappointing things I've learned is that a lot of people who work here don't feel appreciated and that bothers me a great deal," says Bishop, a Nobel laureate. "I hope that we can change that ethos because I think everybody who works here should be proud of it. They should feel that they're doing something valuable for society and want to come to work."

Energized by his passions for research and teaching, Bishop has been coming to work at UCSF for the past 31 years. Having known all but one of the previous chancellors, Bishop says he had "a pretty good fix on the job."

Despite a hectic schedule made simpler by a move from Marin to the Chancellor's residence, Bishop still manages to spend at least two half-days a week in his lab. He also tries to visit at least once a day around lunchtime to touch base, but that's not always possible, he says.

"The one surprise is that I was actually encouraged to keep my lab open by the [UC] President [Richard Atkinson] and the previous chancellor. I've done that and although it's been difficult, it's worth the effort."

A favorite faculty member among students, Bishop also continues to lecture in the same medical microbiology course he always has. He is scheduled to teach in the course again next fall.

Since taking the helm 10 months ago as UCSF's eighth chancellor, Bishop is determined to further efforts to create a supportive work environment. He's about to appoint a committee to implement practices which will improve work life at UCSF.

To help improve the quality of life on campus, Bishop is continuing the popular lunchtime Chancellor's

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Fertility experts face new ethical issues in reproduction

BY JEFFREY NORRIS

Gaby Vernoff became a mother for the first time last month, giving birth to a daughter conceived with her dead husband's sperm. This is the first US case to come to light in which a man fathered a child with sperm taken posthumously.

Four years ago, Cappy Rothman, director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine at Century City Hospital in Los Angeles, extracted sperm from Bruce Vernoff's epididymis — the coiled tubes that surround the testes and store sperm — 30 hours after his death from a fatal reaction to a prescription medication. Three years later, after one failed in-vitro fertilization attempt with the seed obtained from her deceased husband, Gaby Vernoff conceived.

Her success was made possible in part by the participation of Paul Turek, a UCSF Stanford Health Care urologist and male fertility expert. Turek, an assistant professor of urology at UCSF, has developed a way to more easily select viable sperm from poor-quality samples. The technique, called "hypo-osmotic swelling," can be used to identify sperm that are alive, even when they don't appear to be able to move by propelling themselves with their whip-like tails.

The basis for selecting sperm with the hypo-osmotic swelling technique is that living sperm placed in a dilute sugar solution become swollen, but remain unharmed. Dead sperm fail to swell under the same conditions. A microscope aids in selecting the best candidates from among the tadpole-like cells. The technique was invented to aid infertile couples in which the man has too few sperm or sperm of insufficient motility.

What remained of Bruce Vernoff's retrieved sperm after the first failed in-vitro fertilization attempt was in worse condition than that of an average infertile man — Vernoff had been dead for many hours when the sample was collected, extracted sperm is immature compared to ejaculated sperm, and freezing and thawing took its toll. The identification of viable sperm, which normally takes only minutes, in this case took several hours, Turek says.

Once the sperm was selected, doctors used another recently developed technique, single-sperm injection, to impregnate Gaby Vernoff. In single-sperm injection, a sperm is introduced directly into the mother's egg, circumventing the possibility that sperm will be too weak or otherwise incapable of penetrating the egg.

Thanks to new techniques such as these, perfected by fertility specialists over the past decade, physicians can aid infertile couples in becoming parents even after years of fruitless efforts using earlier in-vitro fertilization techniques. But with these new methods, human reproductive capabilities have been pushed beyond old barriers. What was until recently unthinkable is now possible, and physicians consulted by would-be parents approach the new millennium torn by modern ethical dilemmas.

The ability to obtain sperm from dead men and use it to conceive children raises many questions. For example, what are a man's reproductive rights? What is the nature of the sanctity of death? Is a woman entitled to decide the fate of her diseased husband's sperm as she sees fit, as if it were an organ? If the taking of sperm is justifiable in cases where the widow wants to conceive, is it justifiable for other purposes? Is it okay to extract sperm from the comatose?

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Safety officials urge compliance with fire drills

When is it inappropriate for faculty and staff to work diligently in their labs or at their computers? During a fire drill.

That may seem obvious to most, but the truth of the matter is UCSF employees are notorious for ignoring blasting fire alarms — even when safety personnel ask them to leave. Others are re-entering buildings before they are supposed to or using back entrances to avoid evacuation procedures.

"This has been an ongoing problem for years," says UCSF Fire Marshall Katherine Gent Shypertt, who has served in that role for the past five years. "They're really taking a chance with their health and safety. It only takes two minutes for a smoldering cigarette to fully engulf a room in flames."

And while smoking is banned in all public workplaces, employees and visitors alike are still lighting up in campus buildings leaving a trail of cigarette butts as evidence. A negligent smoker was reportedly responsible for a fire in Long Hospital a while back. Detected in just a few minutes, the smoldering cigarette caused about $1,000 in damage, according to Shypertt.

Part of the non-compliance problem on the Parnassus campus is that alarms were ringing routinely over the past four years while a new and expanded system was installed and tested, according to Frank Fasano, senior superintendent of fire safety systems.

The new alarm system, with 9,000 alarm devices, is more than double the number it replaced and became fully operational last month.

To cut down on the nuisance factor in the health science towers and other buildings higher than 75 feet, the new system goes off only on an affected floor, the two floors above, and the one below.

A public address system has been installed that allows other floors to be notified of status. The goal is to reduce the nuisance factor that previously had all floors being evacuated. In all buildings under 75 feet, alarms on all floors will go off.

And while faculty and staff may complain about the number of "false" alarms, Shypertt says that's a misnomer because an alarm doesn't distinguish between smoke from burned microwave popcorn or a fire.

The regular drills, coupled with UCSF's excellent safety record, have given employees a false sense of security — so much so that they are refusing to evacuate buildings, Shypertt says.

Refusing to evacuate or re-entering a building is a misdemeanor by city ordinance and violators could be arrested. No one ever has been, however.

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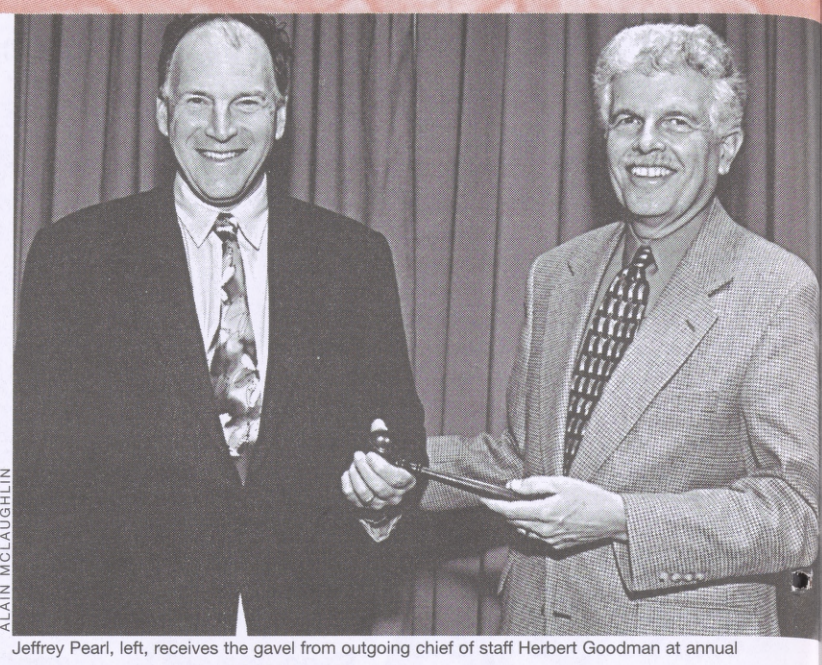
Evans wins Charlotte Baer award

Patricia E. Evans, clinical professor of pediatrics, has been selected as the recipient of the 1999 Charlotte Baer Clinical Faculty Award, presented at the annual meeting of the Association of the Clinical Faculty on April 15 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in San Francisco.

A member of the UCSF clinical faculty since 1976, Evans is a well respected educator and resource with an exceptional knowledge of pediatric AIDS, a broad overview of public health issues in the Bay Area, and a strong desire to educate. She teaches medical students as well as consults in the nursery at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center. In addition, she has served the University for decades with her service to a wide variety of community organizations and her activities with minority recruitment for medical schools. Together with her many contributions to the UCSF School of Medicine, she serves as a pediatrician and as a public health officer.

Currently the Medical Director of the Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center in Oakland, her public health career has focused on issues that adversely affect children and youth. Evans has been actively involved in policy making and has received acclaim for her leadership and involvement in AIDS education. She has focused extensively on the areas of minority adolescents, high-risk sexual activity, and HIV. She has made significant contributions in the area of substance abuse as well. Her work has been acknowledged by her appointment to various national committees, among them the Special Emphasis Panel for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Office of Technology Assessment's Advisory Panel on "Technologies for Understanding the Root Causes of Substance Abuse and Addiction."

Charlotte Baer was a member of the UCSF clinical faculty who died in 1973. Baer moved to California after fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938. Throughout her active professional life in San Francisco she maintained her practice in internal medicine, which was characterized by her devotion to her patients, and tenacity and vigor in her pursuit of obscure diagnostic problems. After her death, her family asked that money be donated to UCSF in lieu of flowers. Chancellor Sooy and others decided that the best way to memorialize her was to set up an award to recognize clinical faculty contributions to the School of Medicine.



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Jeffrey Pearl, left, receives the gavel from outgoing chief of staff Herbert Goodman at annual meeting of medical staff at UCSF/Mount Zion.

Pearl gets gavel again

Jeffrey Pearl, UCSF clinical professor of surgery, will serve as the new chief of staff at UCSF/Mount Zion Medical Center, part of UCSF Stanford Health Care, for the next three years.

Herbert Goodman, past chief of staff, passed the gavel during the annual meeting of the medical staff on Feb. 17.

Pearl has a long history with Mount Zion, serving as its chief of staff from 1992-94, following in the footsteps of his father, Milton Pearl, who led the medical staff at the hospital 35 years ago.

Pearl has been part of the hospital community since 1978, working as a surgeon, researcher, teacher and leader in the field. As director of the Central Venous Access Service since 1993, Pearl has a special interest in providing venous access to patients who require it during chemotherapy and dialysis.

honors & awards

Neal L. Benowitz, professor of medicine, psychiatry and biopharmaceutical sciences and chief, division of clinical pharmacology and experimental therapeutics: Received the 1999 Rawls-Palmer Progress in Medicine Award from the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 100th annual meeting, San Antonio, on March 18.

Carlos Bordador and **Mario Tai,** students in the laboratory or Daniel Ramos, assistant professor, department of stomatology: Placed first and fourth respectively in the American Association for Dental Research/International Association for Dental Research student competition, a major research meeting held in Vancouver recently.

Samantha Kwon, former resident plastic surgery: Received the Tiffany Award for the Best Scientific Presentation at the 1998 Aesthetic Society Meeting from the Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation. Kwon now practices in New York. The award will be presented at the 1999 annual meeting in Dallas on May 14.

Marion G. Peters, professor, gastrenterology division, department of medicine: To be awarded the 1999 Miles & Shirley Fiterman Foundation Hugh R. Butt Award in Hepatology & Nutrition from the American Digestive Health Foundation on May 17. This prestigious award includes support for her research that focuses on the role of cytokines and the cellular immune response in clinical problems such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Alex Sherriffs, faculty member of the UCSF-Fresno Medical Education Program: Received the 1999 Award for Educational Excellence presented by the California Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. Sherriffs is recognized for being "an outstanding role model with a strong commitment to education." Sherrifs, who has a half-time appointment with UCSF-Fresno, is also president of the Fresno-Madera Medical Society and medical director of the UCSF-Fresno Alzheimer's Disease Center.

Daniel Stites, professor and vice chair, department of laboratory medicine chief, Laboratory Medicine Service at SFGHMC, director, Clinical Laboratories at SFGHMC: Accepted a three-year appointment as a member of the Microbiology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee for the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. Stites will serve in this post through February 2002. The panel advises the FDA about the safety and effectiveness of new tests about to be marketed commercially. Approval involves determining if the test does what the manufacturer says it does.

Tanya Machnick, a fourth-year dental student: Awarded the Delta Dental Student Leadership Award at a ceremony in Anaheim, California, on April 8. Given each year by Delta Dental Plan of California, this prestigious award recognizes one student from each of the five California dental schools. Machnick was recommended by the dean based on criteria including strong academic achievement, leadership activities and community service while in school.

Irwin receives major award

Charles E. Irwin Jr., professor and vice chair of pediatrics at UCSF, director of the division of adolescent medicine at UCSF and chief of adolescent medicine for UCSF Stanford Health Care at UCSF: Received the Society for Adolescent Medicine's most distinguished award for outstanding achievement in adolescent medicine. The award was presented on March 20 at the society's annual meeting in Los Angeles.

Among Irwin's contributions: He served as the first chair of the American Board of Pediatrics' Subboard of Adolescent Medicine from 1991-1998. A faculty member of the Institute for Health Policy Studies at UCSF, Irwin directs two policy centers: The National Adolescent Health Information Center and the Policy Center on Middle Childhood and Adolescence. He has led generations of specialists in adolescent health through UCSF's Interdisciplinary Adolescent Health Training Program, which was founded in 1977 and is one of two such long-term continuously funded programs in the US.

Irwin, who has received numerous awards, is regarded as a leading expert on the health trends of adolescents. His research focuses on risky behaviors during adolescence and on methods of identifying who is prone to health-damaging behaviors. In recent years he has worked to implement what was learned from earlier studies with interventions that target those youths most at risk.

research roundup

New insight into cancer drug

UCSF researchers may have determined how an experimental anti-cancer drug succeeds in killing cancer cells.

The finding offers a possible answer to recent questions about its mechanism of action and provides insight that could contribute to a deeper understanding of cancer biology.

The finding, reported by Frank McCormick, director of the UCSF Cancer Research Institute, could solidify and improve efforts to use the drug, ONYX-015, now used in phase II clinical trials. It could also lead to modified approaches for killing cancer cells with tumor-specific viruses.

ONYX-015 has shown promising results in phase II clinical trials of patients with head and neck cancer and phase II trials have opened for patients with colon, pancreatic and ovarian cancer. Phase II trials are small-scale studies designed to determine effective dosage.

The ongoing research is funded by Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc. McCormick founded the company and is now on its scientific advisory board.

Low-tech treatment saves lives

A simple adjustment in the way patients receive breathing assistance from a mechanical ventilator has been shown to cut deaths by 25 percent among victims of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), a devastating, often fatal lung condition that affects about 150,000 Americans annually.

A three-year, nationwide clinical trial of the new ventilator treatment has been so successful that it has been stopped ahead of schedule to alert critical care specialists of the life-saving results, says Michael Matthay, professor of medicine and anesthesia at UCSF.

"This is the first major breakthrough in treatment of this devastating condition in 32 years," says Matthay, a senior scientist in UCSF's Cardiovascular Research Institute who directed the ventilator treatment at the UCSF Medical Center, part of UCSF Stanford Health Care.

The successful treatment provided ARDS patients with smaller breaths of oxygen-rich air from a mechanical ventilator than had been conventionally used. Laboratory and pre-clinical animal studies had suggested that providing air in smaller volumes might protect the lung from injury.

"The reason these results are so exciting," Matthay says, "is that 40 to 60 percent of ARDS patients die, yet if we can save so many with this simple treatment, most of them can recover to lead perfectly normal lives."

ARDS patients also participated in the trial at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center, under the direction of John Luce, professor of medicine and anesthesiology. Study coordinators were Brian Daniel at UCSF and Richard Kallet at SFGHMC.

Teen smokers more at risk for cancer

Adolescent smokers appear to be more susceptible to long-term DNA damage associated with lung cancer than people who start smoking as adults, according to a UCSF-led study.

The study indicates that ex-smokers with lung cancer who began smoking in adolescence had higher levels of chemically altered DNA in their lungs and blood than ex-smokers who started smoking later in life.

"Our finding suggests that young smokers incur more severe or persistent DNA damage than adult smokers do," says John K. Wiencke, associate professor of epidemiology at UCSF.

All smokers develop some level of DNA damage, which is a known risk factor for lung cancer, and all people who quit experience some level of DNA repair. The current finding suggests that less repair — or less successful repair — occurs in people who smoked as teens.

Study finds benefit for men with HIV-wasting disease

BY CORINNA KAARLELA

Men who suffer from HIV-wasting syndrome can benefit significantly from a combination of exercise and regular, moderate doses of male hormones, according to a new clinical study led by a UCSF researcher.

The study team found the combined therapy produced an increase in lean-body mass and muscle strength, regardless of whether a patient was undergoing treatment with HIV antiretroviral drugs known as protease inhibitors.

"This is an important point because weight gain after initiation of protease inhibitor therapy usually takes place through the accumulation of body fat, but our goal in patients with HIV-related weight loss is to build up the lean tissue," says lead study investigator Marc Hellerstein, UCSF associate professor of medicine, who treats patients at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center.

The other key finding is that only a small amount of male hormones — or androgens — was necessary to produce positive results. "Much larger doses of androgens are often used by body-builders to develop muscular tissues, but such amounts have unproven long-term safety," says Hellerstein, who also is an associate professor of nutritional sciences at UC Berkeley.

Research results are reported in the April 14 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

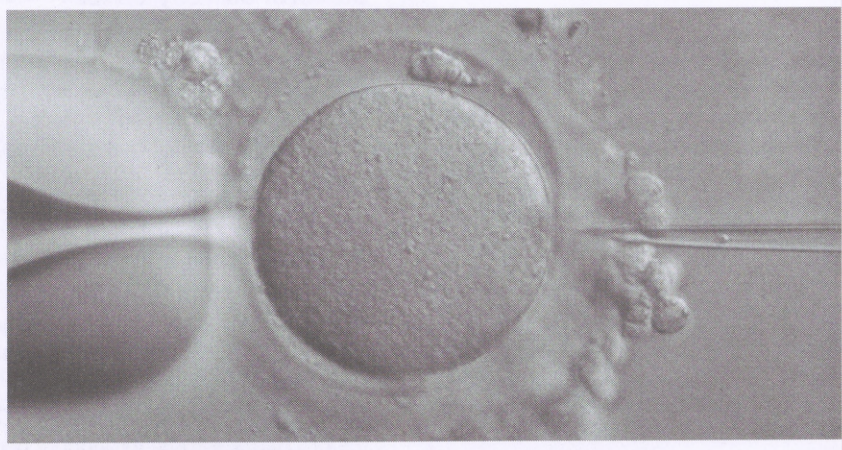
All 22 participants took part in a weight-lifting exercise regimen that was supervised by a trainer and received the male hormone, testosterone, by injection.

In addition, one group of 11 patients received oxandrolone, a synthetic hormonal agent belonging to the class of androgens called anabolic steroids. Another 11 patients received a placebo, an inactive substance used as a comparison.

The study was "double-blind," so during the course of the research neither patients nor research staff knew which product was being administered.

Of the total study population, 13 patients were taking protease inhibitors as a treatment for HIV infection. They were represented evenly in both groups.

Study findings showed that both groups had increases in lean body mass, weight, and strength, but the gains were substantially greater in the oxandrolone-supplemented group. These results were the same whether or not patients were undergoing protease inhibitor therapy.



A look at in vitro fertilization in action

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Would a man be similarly entitled to his comatose wife's eggs?

In Britain, unless permission has been obtained from a man prior to his death, the government prohibits extracting sperm posthumously, but in the United States there is no case law to provide guidance. However, requests by loved ones to have sperm extracted from the deceased occur frequently enough for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine to have developed a protocol on what they call "posthumous reproduction."

The number of requests by immediate family members for posthumous sperm procurement appears to be rising. A telephone survey of personnel at 273 assisted reproductive facilities in the US and Canada, published in the June 1997 issue of the Journal of Urology, revealed 82 such requests reported by staff at 40 facilities in 22 states from 1980 through 1995. More than half the requests (43) were reported between 1994 and 1995. Most requests were associated with trauma deaths. No requests were reported from the Canadian sites surveyed, while the number reported from California (15) was disproportionately high for the population. Of the 82 requests, 25 were honored at 14 facilities in 11 different states, including seven in California. Because they did not survey hospitals, the authors concluded that their numbers might be low.

Thus far, Turek has agreed to assist in two cases in which a widow wanted sperm extracted in order to conceive. In the Vernoff case, Turek says he spent several months deciding whether or not to help. It is not surprising that most men who die suddenly have not left behind written documentation regarding their desire to father children.

In this instance, after interviewing family members and convincing them to undergo counseling, and after viewing a video in which Bruce Vernoff talked of having children, Turek agreed to participate. In another case, he recently provided assistance in obtaining sperm from a comatose man, but only after interviewing all close family members, and only after the wife agreed to wait at least six months before attempting to conceive. Among his other concerns about posthumous reproduction, Turek is worried that decisions to parent will be colored by the intensity of grief in the immediate aftermath of losing a spouse.

As a physician who assists infertile couples, Turek is accustomed to simultaneously considering the needs and concerns of both husband and wife, and he points out that the spouse of the newly deceased already is entitled to make decisions regarding organ donation. Nonetheless, the procreative power of sperm makes it unlike any organ, and Turek would like to see laws on the books requiring prior written consent from a man before he could be subjected to posthumous sperm extraction — similar to British law and to recently introduced state legislation in New York. Turek suggests that men then could fill out donation cards and append them to their driver's licenses.

Turek notes that for decades, men have banked sperm prior to undergoing sterilizing chemotherapy for cancer. He advises these patients to put in writing clear directions about what to do with the preserved sperm in the event of death, telling each, "It is the most important bank account you will ever have."

UCSF Founders Day 1999
Awards Luncheon

Tuesday, April 20, 1999
Noon — 1:30 p.m.
Steninger Gymnasium
Millberry Union

Celebrating...

These awards were presented at the 1999 UCSF Founders Day luncheon on April 20 to recognize extraordinary efforts.

PHOTOS BY LISA CISNEROS

Trinity Ordona, right, another winner of Chancellor's Award for Public Service, smiles with partner, Desiree Thompson and her mother, Segunda Ordona

Richard Wagner, winner of Chancellor's Award for Public Service, third from left, stands with supporters, from left, Elaine Schultz, Jane Findley, Christina Clarke, Stan Stone and Julian Beccera

Chancellor's Award for Exceptional University Service

Created in 1978 by Chancellor Francis A. Sooy, this award recognizes staff employees in a non-supervisory capacity who have consistently performed in their University positions at a level beyond what is ordinarily expected. All recipients share a commitment to excellence and a sense of dedication to their jobs, the campus and the community.

This year's winners are:

Regina Dossey, administrative assistant III, School of Dentistry-Clinics

With more than 13 years of University experience, Dossey's dedication and exceptional organizational skills extend far beyond her main administrative responsibilities which span three related areas: patient complaints/concerns, risk management, and behavioral dentistry. The impact of her efforts has not only improved the school's processes and systems, which will endure for many years to come, but has also benefited students, patients, staff and the public. Described as the "cog that holds the spokes together," Dossey has continuously demonstrated "enormous drive, energy, and ambition in wanting to maintain high work standards and professionalism."

Debra Harris, administrative analyst/program manager, UCSF/UCB Bioengineering Graduate Group

Harris joined the University 17 years ago. Providing exceptional administrative support to the complex Joint UCSF/UCB Bioengineering Graduate Group, Harris' efforts, throughout her career, have had a profound effect upon faculty, staff, students and visitors, and have led to continued success of the program. Known as the "den mother" to the group's graduate students, Harris' dedication is best exemplified by one graduate student's description that "she would move mountains to help us reach our dreams."

Robert Shadel, associate development engineer, biochemistry

Shadel has more than 27 years of University service. Responsible for a myriad of facilities issues, Shadel has consistently excelled in the areas of space planning, renovation and construction for the labs in the biochemistry department. Known for his encyclopedic knowledge of lab equipment and the needs of scientists, he is a highly sought-after campus resource, most currently for the Mission Bay campus. His expertise and dedication throughout the years know no bounds and he has been described as a "treasure of this community."

B. Sharon Spaulding, principal administrative analyst I, UCSF-Fresno, Office of Graduate Medical Education

With more than nine years of University service, Spaulding shows "a devotion to staff that truly goes beyond the ordinary as she constantly searches for ways to assist others in their own growth and development." In the past year, she was instrumental in leading the centralization process of the multi-site UCSF-Fresno residency programs and continues its ongoing coordination and supervision of administrative activities, setting high standards of excellence and encouraging interdepartmental teamwork.

Chancellor's Award for Exceptional University Management

This new award was created to recognize and reward outstanding University service among those who have the responsibility to supervise, guide, and lead others as well as support the strategic goals and values of the University. All recipients share a commitment to excellence and a sense of dedication to their jobs, the campus and the community.

The winners are:

Denly Herbert, clinic director, School of Dentistry-Clinics

With more than 18 years of University service, Herbert is described by his staff as the "ideal manager." He has excelled in fulfilling the University's strategic goals and values. Herbert is most notable for fostering an environment encouraging open communication with students, faculty, patients and staff; developing a customer-service oriented unit which receives high praise; promoting reasonable expectations of staff and students; recognizing and appreciating excellent work performed by his staff; and, possessing motivational skills to help others create the best possible clinic environment.

Linda Rampil, management services officer, department of anesthesia

Rampil has more than 15 years of University service. Exemplifying the University's strategic goals and values in her daily management style, Rampil has been described succinctly as a "stellar leader." She is recognized for her outstanding communication skills and commitment to encouraging staff to reach their fullest potential. She routinely recognizes a job well done, promotes teamwork and collaboration and gives her all to the department. Rampil has brought "management to an art form... where the performance looks graceful, smooth and effortless."

Chancellor's Award for Public Service

Newsbreak announced the winners of the Chancellor's Award for Public Service in its last issue, dated April 9. Established by Chancellor Philip R. Lee in 1970-71, this award annually honors members of the campus community who have performed outstanding public service — above and beyond that required by their University positions.

The winners of this award are:

Eva M. McGhee, postdoctoral fellow, pediatrics and medical genetics

Trinity Ordona, department manager and management services officer, biopharmaceutical sciences

Philip Darney, professor and interim chair of obstetrics and gynecology at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center

Richard Wagner, administrative assistant, department of biochemistry.

Campus commemorates UCSF Founders Day 1999

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Denly Herbert

Twyla Szeto, winner of the award for excellence in oncology nursing, standing right, shares a moment with other nurses who work on 11 Long, from left, Karen Wong, Carole Dolmas and Deb MacDonald.

B. Sharon Spaulding

Helen B. Ripple Award for Excellence in Neuroscience Nursing

The Helen B. Ripple Award for Excellence in Neuroscience Nursing is presented annually to a professional nurse who is actively engaged in the practice of neuroscience nursing within the Medical Center at UCSF, Parnassus and Mount Zion sites. The recipient's contribution to the care of neurological, neurosurgical patients demonstrates such exemplary practice as to merit recognition from peers and other professional colleagues.

The award is presented to:

Anne Fedoroff, clinical nurse III, Transitional Neurocare, 8 South

Fedoroff, who has worked in neuroscience nursing since 1986, is a superb clinician. She puts the patient and the family at ease with her confidence, professionalism and caring style. Fedoroff demonstrates strong leadership skills. She is not afraid to question, and brings creative ideas to the table. She identified the need for a stroke discharge education program, brought this idea to the unit leadership group and has done much of the work to implement it. This progressed to redoing the care map, which is now almost complete. She is collaborating with others in developing a care map for patients with Parkinson's disease who are undergoing deep brain electrodes treatment. Fedoroff is an excellent teacher; she can adjust her subject matter to a level of understanding for the patient or the nursing staff. She truly enjoys continuing to learn new skills and is constantly resourcing the staff.

Distinguished Nurse Award

The Distinguished Nurse Award, initiated in 1984, is presented annually by the departments of nursing to recognize a significant contribution to excellence in nursing practice.

The award is presented to:

Kim Scurr, registered nurse, coordinator assistant patient care manager, Intensive Care Nursery, 15 Moffitt Hospital

A clinician in the Intensive Care Nursery for the past nine years, Scurr has distinguished herself as an excellent clinician, coordinator of programs and deliverer of care. Scurr has been very instrumental in developing the immunization guidelines for the Intensive Care Nursery. She and her team worked hard to educate the staff on the importance of immunizations. Scurr has presented at many staff meetings, change of shift in-services and developed a quality assurance/quality improvement protocol to monitor immunization education and compliance. She has diligently educated staff and has provided follow-up on a regular basis to insure compliance and understanding of the program. Today, the percentage of immunized patients has reached 95 percent. Scurr was instrumental in involving pharmacy to report once a week on the status of all the patients and their immunizations. Her dedication to staff education is exemplary. Scurr's focus is on assisting staff to improve their clinical practice and promote their professionalism.

Jeanne Yalon Award for Excellence in Oncology Nursing

This year's winner is:

Twyla Szeto, clinical nurse III, 11 Long Hospital

Working with oncology patients since 1988, Szeto provides compassionate and empathetic emotional support to patients and their families. Examples of Szeto's commitment include arranging for a young leukemia patient to travel to Los Angeles to see a fashion show and stay at the Beverly Hills Hilton to fulfill her dying wish.

Szeto rewrote the oncology standards of care to help new staff make a smoother transition from orientation to actually caring for UCSF's complex patient population. She has also created a translation notebook for all the Mandarin speaking patients. Szeto has gone out of her way to make sure the non-English speaking Asian patients are appropriately cared for and their customs respected. She has been influential in helping staff achieve "best practice" in many areas of UCSF's nursing care. It is rare for a bedside nurse to maintain enthusiasm and give 150 percent consistently for the past 11 years and Szeto is richly deserving of recognition for her sustained commitment to the oncology patients and staff.

UCSF/Mount Zion Milton and Helen Pearl Award for Outstanding Service

Established by Helen Pearl in 1993 to honor the late Milton J. Pearl, a long-time Mount Zion surgeon and community leader, this award honors a UCSF/Mount Zion employee who has consistently performed at a level beyond what is ordinarily expected. The awardee must have demonstrated exceptional willingness to render additional service of distinction to others.

The award goes to:

Larisa Shapiro, registered nurse, 7 East, UCSF/Mount Zion

During her 20 years of service at Mount Zion, Shapiro has consistently provided that "extra touch" when dealing with patients and their families, faculty, and co-workers. She continues to demonstrate a high level of clinical skill and professionalism along with a rare capacity to care for her patients as though they were her own family.

She is a team player who is never too busy to lend a helping hand to anyone. Shapiro spends a great deal of time translating for physicians, medical and nursing students, as well as co-workers. She also spends many hours in the evening at home answering requests from multiple departments in the hospital and from patients themselves. She has translated discharge instructions in Russian to facilitate follow-up care for patients in the Russian community. Her purposeful way of getting things done conveys optimism, efficiency, and a genuine interest in the well-being of others. She is highly motivated and performs many personal tasks for patients and co-workers both during and after working hours. She truly epitomizes the ultimate Mount Zion work ethic.

Workshop on human research

The Committee on Human Research (CHR) will host a workshop designed to help smooth the application process on Tuesday, May 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The workshop is intended for study coordinators, administrative staff and any interested faculty who are responsible for submissions to the CHR.

The program emphasis will be on biomedical applications and clinical trials (regardless of funding source).

The session will start with an overview of the CHR review process and discuss requirements for the protocol, supporting documents, and the consent process, including consent forms, assent forms, and information sheets. The workshop will be held in the Chancellor's Room on the Conference Level at Laurel Heights.

Enrollment is limited. A similar workshop dealing with behavioral studies is planned for the future.

To register, please print the form from the CHR website (www.ucsf.edu/ora/chr, check "News") and return by campus mail to Box 0962, fax to 502-1347, or call the CHR office at 476-1814 for a registration form.

Leadership conference

UC academic leaders, administrative managers, and professional staff in positions to influence or implement change are invited to "Innovation and Tradition: UC in the 21st Century," the 1999 University of California Management and Leadership Conference (UCML).

The conference is hosted by UC Santa Cruz this year in cooperation with the Office of the President. It will take place June 6, 7, and 8 at the San Jose Fairmont Hotel. On-site registration begins at noon on Sunday, June 6, and the conference ends at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8.

Now in its fourth year, the UCML conference provides information to leaders and managers and gives them the chance to discuss potential responses to the issues facing them and the opportunity to build and develop skills. Registration is by online form at the UCML conference website at www2.ucsc.edu/bas/ucml. For more information, contact Catherine Faris, UCML conference chair, at 831/459-3777 or email: cfaris@cats.ucsc.edu, or contact Sigrun Kristamie, UCML coordinator at 831/459-5830 or email: skristam@cats.ucsc.edu.

Fund Performance

ENDING MARCH 31, 1999

Total rates of return for the UC 403(b), DCP, and comparative indices

UC Fund/Index	1 Month	3 Month	12 Month	5 Year*	Year To Date
UC Savings Fund	0.50%	1.48%	6.12%	6.33%	1.48%
US T-Bill (1-Yr)	0.39	1.13	4.87	5.50	1.13
UC Money Market Fund	0.41	1.23	5.45	5.51	1.23
US T-Bill (30-Day)	0.43	1.14	4.77	5.05	1.14
UC ICCF Fund	0.57	1.68	7.27	7.66	1.68
US Gov't Intermediate Bonds**	0.86	-1.24	7.05	6.76	-1.24
UC Bond Fund	1.29	-1.72	5.25	13.24	-1.72
Lehman Bros. Gov't/Corp/Yankee	0.50	-1.20	6.54	7.77	-1.20
UC Equity Fund	4.47	6.99	15.65	21.96	6.99
S&P 500	4.47	6.99	15.65	21.96	6.99
UC Multi-Asset Fund	2.12	2.80	9.28	12.81	2.80

*Annualized rate of return reflects average over the past five years.
** Gov't bond model. Ibbotson Associates.

Unit values for variable funds as of March 31, 1998:		
	Equity	$260.44
	Bond	112.58
	Multi-Asset	26.20

Unit values are similar to mutual fund share prices and change monthly to reflect changes in the market value of the fund's underlying investments, inclusive of interest and dividend income. Past performance is neither a guarantee nor a predictor of future returns.

Source: Jerry Neal, UCSF Benefits and Financial Planning

UCSF hosts meeting on campus safety

In response to three recent attacks on and near the UCSF Parnassus campus, the Center for Gender Equity and the UCSF Police Department will host a town hall meeting on Monday, May 3, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in Toland Hall to discuss personal safety and offer an opportunity to ask questions.

Suspect

UCSF Police and UCSF Stanford Health Care have beefed up security services in light of the recent incidents.

At 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, a female UCSF Stanford staff member was assaulted on the "D" level of the Millberry Union parking garage.

The staff member resisted her attacker and he ran away. The employee, who suffered a hand sprain, fractured ribs, bruises, and a cut on her neck, was treated by the emergency department and discharged later that night. She returned the following day for further care.

The suspect, shown in the sketch, is described as a white male adult, about 20 years of age, 5'10", 180 to 200 pounds, with dark greasy hair pulled back into a ponytail. He was wearing a black stocking cap, dark flannel shirt, dark ski vest, cut-off pants (with one pant leg longer than the other), and black gloves.

This attack is the third in recent weeks on or near campus. On the evening of March 25, a female employee was sexually assaulted at the Kezar Stadium parking lot, located near the Parnassus campus. Another woman was attacked by three male suspects, one of whom grabbed her handbag, in the area of Parnassus and Fifth avenues on March 29.

UCSF police are working with the SFPD to investigate the two off-campus attacks. If you have any information regarding the April 10 attack, contact the UCSF Police Department at 476-8901 and refer to case No. 99-04-003.

Work begins at Mission Bay campus

To prepare for construction of the first research building at UCSF's Mission Bay campus, contractors have begun preliminary work on the site located on 16th Street.

Crews will drive about 20 test piles into the ground this month to determine variables such as how best to drive the piles and the best depth, says Barbara Bagot-Lopez, community relations manager.

After a month to allow for settling, further pile testing will be done with the aim of keeping the duration of the final pile-driving process – a noisy activity – as short as possible. Pile testing is expected to be completed by mid-May.

From May through July, Catellus Development Corporation, the developer of the remaining 303-acre site at Mission Bay, will relocate electric, gas, water and sewer services, primarily along Owens Street. Because a portion of Sixth Street is located on Block 24, Catellus will build a bypass street and utility corridor from Sixth to Owens streets. The bypass will ensure uninterrupted service and access between the re-paved Owens Street and 16th Street once that portion of Sixth Street is closed.

UCSF will work with Catellus and the City and County of San Francisco on the street closure, and will further notify the community and post special signs in the area in advance of the closure, says Bagot-Lopez.

Catellus will demolish the two existing buildings on Block 24 using bulldozers or similar machinery – not explosives – and will then remove an abandoned underground tank from the site at the end of May.

From August to October, an underground survey will determine whether any underground materials would interfere with the construction of Building 24. Equipment will be brought on site to remove the old materials as required.

For more construction-related information, call Daniel O'Shea of Turner Construction Company at 274-2913 or Ivy Chiao, UCSF project manager, at 476-8071.

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Chief Ron Nelson says no one has been cited because police realize faculty and staff have grown frustrated with the frequency of the alarms — occurring daily at times. But now that the fire alarm system has been replaced, police want to get the word out that evacuating during a drill is not only University policy, it's the law.

"We want to make sure we have a safe and secure environment," Nelson says. "When we choose to ignore the fire alarms, we are putting ourselves and others in jeopardy."

Some employees have reportedly even gone as far as to cover the ear-shattering alarms — which ring at the required decibel levels — to muffle the sounds, adds Shypertt. "It drives me crazy."

Assigning monitors to make sure employees evacuate each floor during a fire drill is up to each department. The campus disaster plan gives departments responsibility to tailor the evacuation procedures to meet their specific needs. For example, departments with disabled persons are expected to adopt a buddy system to help them evacuate since elevators are off limits during a drill. The plans also are supposed to outline the designated areas where employees are expected to assemble during a drill.

But when faculty and staff are in the middle of a sensitive experiment or important task, these plans seem to fall by the wayside.

Obviously, no one has a sense of urgency about these alarms, or they are in denial about the possibility that they are real, Shypertt says.

"From a preventive standpoint, I think we have succeeded in making UCSF a safe environment," she says. "But some things you can't prevent or predict. With terrorists, disgruntled employees and activists, you just never know," says Shypertt, adding that animal rights activists started a fire at UC Berkeley recently.

Doctors mixed about reporting domestic violence

BY CORINNA KAARLELA

Rodriguez

A study of California physicians shows the majority has mixed feelings about a state law requiring suspected cases of domestic violence to be reported to authorities.

While some believe legislation improves a physician's response to providing care, many also note that mandatory reporting requires them to violate patient confidentiality, which could deter many patients from seeking care or could jeopardize patient safety.

"We conducted this study because intimate partner violence is a problem of high priority in the health care and legal communities. However, the California reporting law, enacted in 1994, has remained controversial," says study director Michael Rodriguez, UCSF assistant professor of family and community medicine who treats patients at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center.

California is one of six states — including Colorado, Kentucky, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Rhode Island — with specific laws on reporting suspected cases of intimate partner violence.

While most of these states have provisions for protecting victim identity, obtaining informed consent, or reporting to social service agencies, the California law requires that identification information be reported to police regardless of patient consent.

"The findings support the concern that this law violates basic tenets of medical ethics and may create barriers to health care for victims," Rodriguez says. "There is a serious need for research into how the law impacts abuse victims in their daily lives."

Research results are published in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

The UCSF study randomly surveyed 508 California physicians from four specialties: emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, and obstetrics/gynecology. The age range was 29-83 years.

Study results showed:

- About half (59 percent) of study physicians reported that they might not comply with the reporting law if a patient objected.
- Primary care providers reported higher rates than emergency physicians of noncompliance with the law in any situation in which a patient objected.
- A majority of physicians in each specialty agreed that reporting legislation creates possible barriers to care (60-79 percent), can escalate violence or abuse (53-82 percent), and violates confidentiality (59-85 percent).
- On the positive side, most physicians thought the law improves collection of useful statistics (77-86 percent), the prosecution of perpetrators (72-87 percent), and physician responsiveness to treatment (53-73 percent).
- More than 90 percent of physicians in each specialty said the following circumstances require reporting to police regardless of the law: extreme abuse, immediate threats to the patient's safety, and involvement of children or guns.

Study questions quality of patient care

A new study by a team of researchers at UCSF finds evidence that doctors may withhold needed services from patients in response to financial incentives to control costs.

In a nationwide survey of internists, UCSF researchers also found that up to 50 percent of physicians in managed care settings and 39 percent of physicians in fee-for-service settings failed to prescribe services recommended by national guidelines.

The more restrictive the financial incentive, the less likely physicians would order recommended tests or referrals, according to the study published last month in the Western Journal of Medicine.

"This study shows that patient care may be compromised regardless of what financial incentives are in place," says Steven Pantilat, lead author and assistant professor of medicine at UCSF. "That can erode the public's trust."

Compared to fee-for-service plans, the restrictions of managed care resulted in a decrease of 3 percent to 11 percent of physicians stating that they would order the appropriate tests and referrals. Questionnaires were mailed to 1,030 general internists who belonged to the American College of Physicians and practiced in metropolitan areas with populations of more than 250,000 where at least 30 percent of insured people belonged to managed care plans.

Based on their results, the researchers believe the medical community needs better quality-control measures to ensure that physicians provide the recommended services.

"We need to establish a system that is more responsive to the needs of the patient," says Margaret Chesney, UCSF professor of medicine and co-author of the paper.

CHRIS T. ANDERSON

Dan Ciccarone, a preceptor, chats with Eliza Humphreys, a second-year medical student, at the appreciation dinner for the UCSF Student Homeless Clinic.

Students show their appreciation

UCSF students showed their appreciation to their mentors or "preceptors" at a dinner April 12 in the Millberry Union. Preceptors offer their time supervising students who volunteer at the UCSF Student Homeless Health Project, a student-run program that offers free medical services to the underserved at two San Francisco clinics. Medical, dental, nursing, and podiatry students all participate in the program. This year, after a number of relocations, the 6th Street clinic has joined forces with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation to renovate a retail space designed for clinic use in the Rose Hotel building on 6th Street.

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classical concert series at Cole Hall next year and he is boosting the funding for the committee that places art around the Parnassus campus. He has also set aside 1 percent of funds raised for construction of the UCSF Mission Bay campus to pay for art.

"I think it's exciting," Bishop says of the prospects of Mission Bay. "I think we can create a wonderful place, architecturally and aesthetically. I think the city deserves that and I think the people who work at UCSF deserve that."

Bishop says he intends to lead UCSF through at least completion of the first phase of the Mission Bay campus, which will result in the construction of two research buildings and a campus community center by 2003.

UCSF will need $390 million to pay for the first phase, funds that will come from a variety of sources, including private donors. Acknowledging that fundraising is a major part of his job, Bishop says of the challenge "it's a big job, but it can be done."

Fortunately, Bishop says, UCSF has partnered with the Bay Area Life Sciences Alliance (BALSA) to create a limited liability company, commonly referred to as UMBC, an abbreviation for UCSF Mission Bay Campus. BALSA has plans to procure a line of credit to help the University "jump start" the planning and early phases of design, he adds.

"[BALSA] has been invaluable," Bishop says. "They have no vested interest in this project. They simply want to see UCSF prosper and see the impact that we can have on San Francisco be realized."

Bishop, too, is excited about the prospect of designing a 43-acre campus in the heart of Mission Bay, knowing that the public will be watching closely. Dealing with the public, he says, has been one of the highlights of his tenure as chancellor.

"I knew I would enjoy it and I do," Bishop says. "It's sometimes difficult, sometimes troubling, but I enjoy it. This is a public institution and we need to be responsive to the public. I believe that and therefore enjoy trying to fulfill that responsibility."

One of the major responsibilities Bishop has inherited as chancellor is serving on the Board of Directors of UCSF Stanford Health Care. A basic scientist on sabbatical when the historic merger of UCSF and Stanford patient care services was implemented, Bishop says he "brought no baggage" to the nonprofit health care organization.

"It was an excellent idea," Bishop says of the merger. "The hypothesis in which it was based has so far proven correct. The hypothesis was that by forming the merger the contracting capability of these hospitals would be improved and revenues would improve and that has been the case."

Of the current financial shortfall, Bishop says, "difficulties in forming the merger have resulted in cost overrides that are really punishing. They have to be brought under control."

Despite declining reimbursements from state and federal government and a severe managed care market, Bishop says, "our hospitals are full, our revenues are very good by contemporary standards. If we can control costs appropriately we'll be doing OK."

Referring to a recent study that shows that significantly fewer underrepresented minorities enroll in California medical schools, Bishop says he's asked all the deans to report to him what UCSF is doing to recruit and retain students of diverse backgrounds.

To further efforts to improve the diversity of faculty, staff and students, Bishop this week appointed an executive committee on diversity to be chaired by Dorothy Bainton, vice chancellor of academic affairs. This committee will work to ensure implementation of recommendations by existing advisory committees, such as the Chancellor's Committee on Diversity and Chancellor's Advisory Committee for the Status of Women.

"I firmly believe we have a responsibility to do everything we can to be more effective with regard to diversity in all activities of the campus community," says Bishop, referring to differences in race, culture, religion, mental or physical disabilities, sexual orientation and other characteristics. "Improving diversity is among my highest priorities for the campus and I intend to work closely with this new committee."

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calendar

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24 saturday

DENTAL SEMINAR: Anthony Sclar, specialist, oral and maxillofacial surgery, presents a seminar on "Dental Implants," 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., C 701, Parnassus. Fees. For more information, call 476-1101.

SPRING PICNIC: The UCSF Exchange hosts a potluck picnic and barbeque, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Golden Gate Park, Lindley Meadow. Meet Exchange members, who are spouses and partners of UCSF interns, residents, fellows and post docs. For more information, call 665-2400

25 sunday

MASSAGE WORKSHOP: Millberry Programs & Services offers a "Massage Workshop," 2-4:30 p.m., MU Fitness Ctr., Parnassus. Learn and practice basic Eastern and Western massage techniques. A partner is required. For more information, call 476-1115.

26 monday

HEALTH POLICY SEMINAR: Anne Libby, research director, Center for Mental Health Services, UC Berkeley and Karen Linkins, Institute for Health & Aging, UCSF, present "The Organization of Public Mental Health Service Delivery Systems," noon-1:30 p.m., Laurel Heights. Call 476-4924.

CONTROL FATIGUE: Pat Kramer presents "Taking Control of Fatigue," 5-7 p.m., Hellmann Conference Room, first floor, 2200 Post St. Learn how to alleviate and manage fatigue. Please call the Cancer Resource Center for more information or to RSVP at 885-3693.

27 tuesday

GRAND ROUNDS: Residents Forum, 8 a.m., C 701, Parnassus. Sponsored by the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION SERIES: Cynthia Gomez, clinical psychologist and assistant professor, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, School of Medicine, presents "Sex in the Real World: Love, Power and HIV," noon-1 p.m., N 217, Parnassus. Sponsored by the Center for Gender Equity. Call 476-5222.

HOSPITAL OPEN HOUSE: UCSF Stanford Health Care holds an open house, 4-5:30 p.m., L 1239 and L 1245, Parnassus. UCSF Stanford opens a "Comfort Care Suite" exclusively dedicated to end-of-life care. For more information, call 476-0919.

28 wednesday

GI SEMINAR SERIES: Victor Wu, adjunct assistant professor, GI Division, presents "HCV RNA Translation," 8-9 a.m., S 214, Parnassus.

GI GRAND ROUNDS: Ray Dubois, director, GI, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, presents "Carbone Lecture: Cyclooxygenase Modulates Intestinal Epithelial Cell Function," 9-10 a.m., S 214, Parnassus.

EARTH FAIR: UCSF Facilities Management hosts the third annual Earth Fair, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saunders Court, Parnassus. Food, fun and earth-friendly tips included. For more information, call 476-0729.

BLOOD DRIVE: Donate blood, 1-5 p.m., Executive Park (Candlestick), Room 126. Tasty refreshments and great raffle prizes. Call 476-6989.

BROWN BAG LECTURE: Lynda Frassetto, assistant clinical professor, medicine and Marcia Stefanick, associate professor, medicine and gynecology and obstetrics, present "Diet, Breast Cancer and You," 12:10 p.m., HSW 300, Parnassus. Sponsored by Public Service Programs. Call 476-4394.

SPANISH: Oscar Alveruz, University of Guadalajara, presents "Spanish for Healthcare Providers - Level II," 4:30-6:30 p.m., M 1115, Parnassus. Fees. For more information, call 476-2993.

SEA KAYAKING: Outdoors Unlimited offers "Full Moon Sea Kayaking Trips," April 28 and 29. Enjoy a special evening of full moon sea kayaking on the Bay in fast, stable double kayaks. First time paddlers are welcome (lesson provided). Fees. Call 476-1469.

GOLF WORKSHOP: Millberry Programs & Services offers the "ABCs of Golf," 6:30-7:30 p.m., Mission Bay Golf Course, San Francisco. Classes will be held every Wednesday through May 26. For more information, call 476-1115.

29 thursday

ABOG SPRING CONFERENCE: The Academic Business Officers Group presents "Beyond Burnout: Practical Tips & Techniques for Surviving (& Thriving) in Today's Busy World," 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Laurel Heights, 3333 California St. Fees. To register, call 476-1101 or fax 476-3448.

LAW SYMPOSIUM: Marvin R. Baster, Supreme Court Justice, discusses "Medicine and the Law: Community Law, Community Medicine, Community Cultures," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Fresno. For more information, call 559/243-3611.

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS: Allen C. Steere, professor, medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine and chief, division of rheumatology/immunology, New England Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, presents "Pathogenesis of Chronic Lyme Arthritis," noon-1 p.m., N 225, Parnassus. For more information, call 502-2762.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT SERIES: Danielle Tillman, Center for Gender Equity, presents "Sexual Assault Education & Prevention for Health Educators," noon, N 217, Parnassus. Sponsored by the Student Activity Center. For more information, call 502-1484.

CHANCELLOR'S CONCERT: Jonathan Wei, violin and Clara Yang, piano, perform Mozart's Sonata in B flat major, K. 378 and Pei Lu's Fantasies for Solo Violin, 12:15-12:45 p.m., Cole Hall, Parnassus.

COLE HALL CINEMA: The Thin Red Line, Rated R, 5:45 & 8:45 p.m., Cole Hall, Parnassus. Tickets: $2-3.50. Call 476-6932 or visit the website at www.empact.ucsf.edu.

UCSF-FRESNO DINNER: An evening with Jeane Kirkpatrick, former United Nations ambassador, 7 p.m., Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Fresno. Kirkpatrick is scheduled to discuss "Preserving and Renewing America." Fees. For reservations or more information, call 559/243-3611.

30 friday

COLE HALL CINEMA: See April 29 listing. Showtimes are 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

MAY

1 saturday

CHILDREN'S CONCERT: Empact! Presents hosts the "UCSF Orchestra Children's Concert," 11 a.m., MU gym, Parnassus. Admission: $20 per family.

BLACK & WHITE GALA: The annual party, to be held 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m., California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, features four rooms of sensational music, including Jas Syndicate, headed by Pfelton Sutton, a technician at UCSF/Mount Zion. Other performers are Cubanacan, a salsa band led by Marcus Israel Lopez, a processor in campus mailing and addressing, and the Michael Weiner Trio led by the neuroscientist and VAMC physician. The Cheeseballs and DJ Wisdom also will perform at the gala. Tickets available at MU central desk and all Empact! Presents discount ticket locations. For more information, call 476-2675.

3 monday

CAMPUS SAFETY MEETING: See page 6 for details. For more information call 476-5223.

HEALTH POLICY SEMINAR: Kent Grelling, California Psychological Association and Toby Kaplowicz, public policy director, Bay Area Alzheimer's Association, present "Mental Health Policy Formation: Agenda Setting and Policy Adoption," 1:45 p.m., UCSF Laurel Heights. Call 476-4924.

MERLE SANDE LECTURESHIP: See upcoming events.

4 tuesday

GRAND ROUNDS: Kasey Li, private practice, Palo Alto, presents "Combined Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/Orthodontic Orthognathic Surgery Conference: Surgical Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea," 8 a.m., C 701, Parnassus.

5 wednesday

SURGERY GRAND ROUNDS: Philip L. Glick, invited speaker, professor of surgery, pediatrics and anesthesia, SUNY Buffalo and interim clinical director, pediatric surgery, Children's Hospital, Buffalo, presents "New Insights into the Pathophysiology of CDH: Making the Most Out of the Least," 7-8 a.m., Toland Hall. For more information, call 476-0972.

BROWN BAG LECTURE: Paul A. Volberding, professor of medicine, co-director of Center for AIDS Research and director, UCSF Positive Health Program, SFGHMC, presents "Thinking AIDS: Evolving Needs In Care," 12:10 p.m., HSW 300, Parnassus. Sponsored by Public Service programs. Call 476-4394.

ANXIETY SCREENING: The department of psychiatry presents a "Lecture on Anxiety Disorders," noon-2 p.m., Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, Auditorium, 401 Parnassus. Call 476-7406 for more information.

SPANISH LESSONS: See April 28 listing.

WOMEN'S HEALTH : Steve Cummings will discuss "Osteoporosis," 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mount Zion, Herbst Hall. Sponsored by the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. For more information, call 885-7273.

6 thursday

CLINICAL PEDIATRICS: The department of pediatrics, School of Medicine, presents "The 32nd Annual Advances and Controversies in Clinical Pediatrics," May 6-8, Ritz-Carlton hotel, San Francisco. Fees. To register, call 476-5808.

WOMEN'S SUMMIT: An "Older Women's Health and Wellness Summit", 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 6 and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., May 7, Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., San Francisco. A reception titled, "Celebrating Successes in Improving Older Women's Health," will follow.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT SERIES: Roseanne Lurie, associate counselor, UCSF Career Center, presents "CV Resume Writing," noon, N 217, Parnassus. Sponsored by the Student Activity Center. For more information, call 502-1484.

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS: Talmadge E. King Jr., professor and vice chairman of medicine and chief, medical services, SFGHMC, presents "Bronchioloitis Obliterans Organizing Pneumonia: A Growing Problem," noon-1 p.m., N 225, Parnassus. Sponsored by the Dept. of Medicine.

CHANCELLOR'S CONCERT: Debra Berman, piano, presents "Scarlatti: Sonata in G major, K 290, Shostakovich: Selections from 24 Preludes, Op. 34 and Chopin: Barcorolle, Op. 60," 12:15-12:45 p.m., Cole Hall, Parnassus.

SHELINE LECTURESHIP: The departments of radiation oncology and neurosurgery host the "Glenn Sheline Lectureship," 5:15-6 p.m., N 225, Parnassus. The guest speaker is Larry E. Kun, professor and chairmen, department of radiology oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, who will address "Current Therapeutic Directions in Childhood Ependymomas." For more information, call 502-3648.

COLE HALL CINEMA: "The Prince of Egypt," Rated PG, 5:45 & 7:30 p.m., Cole Hall, Parnassus. Tickets: $2-3.50. Call 476-6932.

7 friday

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY: The Student Activities Center presents "Unity: A Celebration of Our Diversity," 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saunder's Court, Parnassus. Event offers food, drinks and entertainment! For more information, call 664-8595.

BROWN BAG LECTURE: Ward G. Gypson, medical director, rehabilitation services, SFGHMC and associate clinical professor, orthopaedics, UCSF, presents "Acupuncture: 5000 Years in Sixty Minutes," 12:10-1 p.m., UCSF/Mount Zion, Herbst Hall, second floor. Sponsored by Public Services Programs. Call 476-4394.

COLE HALL CINEMA: See May 6 listing. Showtimes are 6 & 7:45 p.m.

Jas Syndicate, headed by Pfelton Sutton, a technician at UCSF/Mount Zion, far left, will perform at the Black & White Gala on May 1.

upcoming events

Ho to give lecture

San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center will host the Second Annual Merle Sande Lectureship on Monday, May 3, featuring David D. Ho, scientific director and chief executive officer of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, as the guest lecturer. Ho's topic is "Lymphocyte Turnover in HIV Infection."

The lecture will be held at 4 p.m. in Carr Auditorium, Building 3. A reception will follow.

Since Ho founded the center in 1990, researchers have published groundbreaking studies on subjects including HIV replication in vivo, the natural resistance of some people to HIV infection and the possible origin of the AIDS epidemic.

Chefs for Kids

Outstanding Bay Area chefs will present samples of their signature dishes in a benefit for patients of the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at UCSF.

Hosted by the Hospitals Auxiliary of the UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Stanford Health Care, "Chefs for Kids" will be held at Sur La Table on Maiden Lane on Thursday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are $95 per person and can be ordered by calling 476-4906.

Child's health fair

Children are invited to attend the 1999 Lucile Packard Children's Health Fair at UCSF to be held on Saturday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by Lucile Packard Children's Health Services at UCSF, the health fair will be held at the Millberry Conference Center on the UCSF campus. More than 30 booths will offer fun and educational activities to engage children.

UCSF pediatrics faculty also will offer free seminars on topics ranging from preventing violence to eating disorders, to treating poison oak. For more information, call 650/724-2763.